AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

- 1. (currently amended) A casing of <u>a computeran electrical appliance</u> having the following features:
- a) at least one casing wall (1) having a recess (2) integrally formed therein, said recess (2) facing an interior (8) of the casing,
 - b) the recess (2) is constructed with at least one ventilation opening (3),
- c) the recess (2) is covered by a cover (4) on the outside at least in the area of the ventilation opening (3) and the cover (4) is detachably affixed to a portion of said casing wall forming a bottom of the recess (2), and
- d) an outer edge of cover (4) and wall (1) form a circumferential slot (5) therebetween and the cover (4) and wall (1) define a convoluted path for drawing air from said circumferential slot (5) to said opening (3).
- 2. **(original)** The casing according to claim 1, wherein the casing wall (1) and the cover (4) form a substantially flush surface.

Claims 3-4 (canceled)

- 5. (original) The casing according to claim 1, whose cover (4) has at least one cross-piece (6) which can be inserted in a corresponding fixing opening (7) of the recess (2).
- 6. (original) The casing according to claim 1, whose cover (4) is circular.
- 7. (original) The casing according to claim 1, whose cover (4) is air-permeable.

- 8. (original) The casing according to claim 1, whose cover (4) is arranged as an air filter.
- 9. **(original)** The casing according to claim 1, whose cover (4) consists of plastic.
- 10. **(original)** The casing according to claim 1, whose recess (2) comprises a plurality of ventilation openings (3).

11. (canceled)

- 12. **(currently amended)** A casing of <u>a computeran electrical appliance</u>, especially a computer, having the following features:
- a) at least one casing wall (1) having a recess (2) integrally formed therein, said recess facing an interior (8) of the casing,
 - b) the recess (2) is constructed with at least one ventilation opening (3),
- c) the recess (2) is covered by a cover (4) on the outside at least in the area of the ventilation opening (3) and the cover (4) is detachably affixed to a portion of said casing wall forming a bottom of the recess (2) and has at least one cross-piece (6) which can be inserted in a corresponding fixing opening (7) in the recess (2), and
- d) an outer edge of cover (4) and wall (1) form a circumferential slot (5) therebetween and the cover (4) and wall (1) define a convoluted path for drawing air from said circumferential slot (5) to said opening (3).
- 13. (currently amended) A casing of a computeran electrical appliance, especially a computer, having the following features:
- a) at least one casing wall (1) having a recess (2) integrally formed therein, said recess facing an interior (8) of the casing,

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- b) the recess (2) is constructed with at least one ventilation opening (3),
- c) the recess (2) is covered by a cover (4) on the outside at least in the area of the ventilation opening (3) and the cover (4) is detachably affixed to a portion of said casing wall (1) forming a bottom of the recess (2) wherein said cover (4) is spaced from said casing wall (1) to define an annular gap running therebetween, and
- d) an outer edge of cover (4) and wall (1) form a circumferential slot (5) therebetween and the cover (4) and wall (1) define a convoluted path for drawing air from said circumferential slot (5) to said opening (3).